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In all this absurdity there is, however, a serious aspect. The dignity of the Government has been trifled with. Iniquitous advice or gross mismanagement have been poured into His Excellency's ear by enemies to the country and the constitution. The Governor has been told that the colony is reduced of seventy-three dollar nuggets—that in a few weeks the place will be overrun with a hundred thousand savages from California, who do not speak the English language—that bowie-knives and revolvers will be the most common implements on the diggings—that one magistrate will be required to every ten of the population—that, in fact, the whole country will become a scene of lawlessness and bloodshed. The Governor, being a prudent man, does not wish so heavy a responsibility thrown upon his hands, and so, after trying official and unofficial advisers to his heart's content, weighing them in the balance, and finding them wanting—he turns as a *dernier ressort* to the wisdom of the Assembly. Dispatch becomes the order of the day, and constitutional precedents, being inconstant at so dangerous a crisis in the country's history, are summarily dispensed with. To-day the House meets with an indignant idea that it has no business meeting—that it is not a legal body, in consequence of its being called together without timely notice. It meets, however, for all that; but we cannot vouch for the continuance of its sittings; and so the probability is that His Excellency's injudicious advisers have brought on something like a collision between the Legislative and Executive.

When we say that there was no earthly necessity for this sudden requisition upon the laborers of the Assembly, we only express the opinion of every thinking person in the community. The idea of calling upon the members of the House to make laws for the miners is going back to the early period, when men working on the diggings were supposed to be ignorant laborers, whose knowledge was confined to the use of the pick and shovel. Since those days of trouble, especially in Australia, Mining Boards have been established—both legislative and judicial—and there is now no class of men exercising the privileges of self government to a greater extent than the Australian gold diggers. The advantage of giving the miners this privilege is to have a code of regulations or laws that will meet emergencies as they arise. On the other hand, the House of Assembly would make matters ten times worse than they are now, by giving a fixity to laws that might require perhaps immediate and repeated alteration. The responsibility which His Excellency dreads in this matter, is, we think, very much exaggerated. He has simply, before giving his sanction to any regulation of the miners, to see that it benefits the many instead of the few. The great idea, however, of the Government in this sudden convening seems to be to induce the House of Assembly to swallow the civil list bill well coated with Leech river gold, and take the Crown lands from the custody of the Executive. There is such an absence of policy about this movement, that we can scarcely credit that an experienced man like His Excellency would give it his countenance. It is one of those essentially foolish blunders that always defeat their object; because men who were in favor of accepting the Crown Lands—at least so soon as the Hudson's Bay question would be settled—will be naturally suspicious that all is not right, when such inconsiderate haste is used in the attempt to force them on the people of the colony.

Lost.

A BROWN RETRIEVER PUP, about 10 months old, white with brown chest and white hind feet, lost in Victoria. Reward \$100. Any person leaving the same at A. C. Alport's cigar store, Fort Street, between Government and Broad Streets, will be suitably rewarded.

WANTED.

TO WORK ON A CLAIM ON PUGET SOUND. All wages given. Immediate application to ANDERSON & CO., Store street.

Commercial House,
FORT STREET.GREAT SALE of DRY GOODS
AND—
GENERAL DRAPERY!

\$8,560.

NOTICE.
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT JESSE NELSON POLK, was my Agent during my absence from this Colony.

MRS. SARAH HOBBS.

Victoria, V. I., August 20, 1864.

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WANTED.

A BOY, BETWEEN 14 AND 16 years of age, to carry a small route of about 100 miles. British Colonists to subscribers in and around Victoria.

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WATER.

THE SPRING RIDGE WATER COMPANY

are now prepared to supply water from Carte to Victoria and vicinity.

Applications for water to be made at the office of the Company in Fort street, near Broad street.

Victoria, Aug. 22, 1864.

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Restaurant
TO LEASE.

A THAT WELL KNOWN RESTAURANT in Waddington Alley, called the

Miners' Exchange,

TO LEASE
ON EASY TERMS.

Apply immediately, on the premises, to

J. MORRIS

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SOOKE. SOOKE.

A Pack Train

Has been placed on the Route from the

STEAMBOAT LANDINGS

At Sooke to the

Leech River Mines!

TO LEAVE DAILY.

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FOREIGN CARRIED AT THREE PER CENT. PER MONTH.

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Victoria, Aug. 22, 1864.

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To the Contributors of
the Reception Fund.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

desire that an apology is due for the delay

of publication of a statement of the receipt and expenditure.

The Committee, however, desire to call to itself, before

that they cannot, nor any member thereof,

share the blame, if any must be given, of the

negligence of the Finance Committee, who had charge of these matters.

This is well known to all that a general statement

was forthcoming for the convenience of

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FINANCE COMMITTEE STATEMENT

To Cash paid into the Bank of B. N. A.

J. FELL, \$129 67

do by Mr. Gowan, \$10 72

do Subscriptions not collected as per

do by exchange, \$7 80

do Stationery, \$1 00

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JAMES FELL

au22 1w

CHARLES GOWAN.

au22 1w

THE BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA IN ACCORD WITH JAMES FELL, TREASURER FOR KENNEDY'S RECEIVING COMMITTEE.

1864.

Feb 28, amount lodged, \$207 95

do 29, do, \$120 50

do 30, do, \$88 00

March 2, do, \$65 00

do 3, do, \$12 40

do 4, do, \$200 00

do 5, do, \$100 00

do 6, do, \$122 00

do 7, do, \$165 00

do 8, do, \$167 37

do 9, do, \$166 37

do 10, do, \$167 37

do 11, do, \$167 37

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A YOUNG WOMAN TO DO THE WORK of a small house. She must be a good plain Cook, Ironer, and Washer.
Apply to MRS. SAYWARD.

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A COMPLETE SET OF SECOND-CLASS FURNITURE, etc., for a Bachelor's Bed-room. Particulars to be left at the office of this paper.

\$8,000 Wanted.

ON FIRST-CLASS REAL ESTATE
Securely situated, Apply to MR. CRUCKSHANK,
Government Street.

Information Wanted.

INFORMATION. WANTED OF THE
whereabouts of GABRIEL VIZCAYOGH of
Cattaro, Dalmatian, supposed to be in Cariboo, to
the benefit of his wife, Mrs. Vizcayogh, and
of his son, PATRICK HOUILLERAND, at the
Western Hotel, Sacramento City, California.

Information Wanted.

INFORMATION. WANTED OF THE
whereabouts of MICHAEL HOLLILAND, a native of New York, who resided in Sacramento, and
Charles county, Missouri, in 1851. When last
heard from he was in Victoria, British Columbia.
Any information will be greatly received by
F. WEISNER, Esq., 30 Government Street.

INFORMATION WANTED AT THIS
office of THOMAS CLENGAN, formerly of
Wooster, Ohio, and lately of Cariboo. 185.

JAMES DUNCAN. ROBERT GEORGE
DUNCAN & GEORGE,
Auctioneers
—AND—
COMMISSION MERCHANTS!

Brick Building,
corner of Fort and Wharf Streets.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE ESTABLISHED
the premises as above for carrying on a
GENERAL AUCTION BUSINESS, in connection with
a COMMISSION MERCHANT BUSINESS.
They are prepared to make advances on Consignments
for sale at Auction.

Will also promote the special sale of Lands
Household Goods, Stores, &c.
Will furnish returns of sales with dispatch.

They are confident from their long experience in
business in Victoria, in being able to discharge all
business commissions satisfactorily, and respectively
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They have permission to refer to J. J. SOUTH
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BANKERS—Bank of British Columbia.

DUNCAN & GEORGE,
Accountant, Money Broker,
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and the public that his engagement with the
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Securitry of every description, negotiated
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FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
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Capital One Million.
Offices 73 and 74 King William st., London
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HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AGENTS
for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, we are prepared to issue Policy
for Fire Insurance, and to settle all claims with
out delay at their office.

Wharf street, Victoria, V. I.

NOTICE.

SOOKE GOLD MINES!!
BEING ONE OF THE DISCOVERERS OF
the Sooke Gold Fields, and wishing to prove my good faith in the matter, I have this day
left for Sooke Harbor, where I will be happy to give a minute account of the discovery, and
my power to be the shortest and best route to the
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J. M. FOLEY.
Victoria, July 30th, 1864.

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WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTEN-
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For all kinds of different property the Island
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out all the information they desire, and
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Conveyances, Leases, &c., drawn up reasonable
rates.

Apply to EDWARD LOGAN & CO.,
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Lumber,

Shingles,

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GEO. S. GLADWIN

Thompson's Landing, Sooke.

—EVERYTHING TO BUILD A STORE
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RESTAURANT WANTED at Thompson's Landing, next to Gladwin's Store, and all other kinds of business, if started quickly, will pay well. A substantial Wharf, at which all the Steamers land, is now in course of erection and will be completed in two or three days.

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Have at their Store at THOMPSON'S LAND-
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Building Materials,

WHICH THEY OFFER AT

MOST REASONABLE PRICES !

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